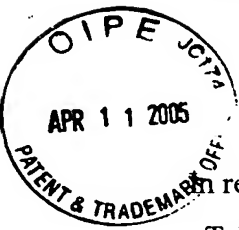


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In re patent application of
Takehiko FUJIOKA, et al.

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Filed: August 26, 2003

Examiner: Winner, Tony H.

For: ELECTRIC POWER STEERING APPARATUS

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REQUEST FOR ISSUE DATE

Sir:

The undersigned respectfully requests an Issue Notification for the above-identified allowed application. The issue fee was paid on September 3, 2004 (copy attached). A Supplemental Notice of Allowability dated September 7, 2004, and an Office Communication dated March 2, 2005 (copies attached), were received by our office. Since that date, we have received no further communication from the Patent Office in this matter.

Applicants respectfully request that an Issue Notification be provided indicating the issue date for the Letters Patent in the above-identified allowed application.

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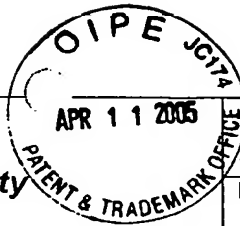
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to a letter filed 8/25/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 26 August 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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Acknowledgment

1. Receipt of the preliminary amendment filed 8/26/03 has been acknowledged and entered. New dependent claims 17-20 have been added. As previously stated in an office action dated 5/17/04, claims 1-16 are in condition for allowance. Claims 17-20 are also allowed because they depended on allowed claims 1 and 4, respectively.
2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony H. Winner whose telephone number is (703) 306-5957.
4. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley Morris, can be reached at (703) 308-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.


TONY WINNER
PATENT EXAMINER

August 31, 2004


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